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SUBJECT: DELIVERED URGENT DEMARCHE: UNGA RESOLUTION ON UN  
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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Alan G. Misenheimer  
for reasons 1.5 (b and d)

(c) On 5/2, Pol/Econ Chief met with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) First Secretary for International Affairs Ali al-Aiashi to deliver reftel points, which were also sent to the MFA on April 28 by facsimile. Al-Aiashi was familiar with the message and asked several specific questions about the U.S. position, including whether it was our view that the draft resolution would establish "permanent status" for Palestine. Pol/Econ Chief reiterated that attempts to define territory under the guise of representation presented a risk of pre-judging the outcome of Israel-Palestine negotiations and set a questionable precedent. Al-Aiashi said he was pleased that the U.S. supports a two-state outcome. He explained that he had not yet received a draft resolution from New York, but that once received he would pass it to the Foreign Minister for review and substantive comment.

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